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April 2, 2008

Jeanne Whynot-Vickers, Interim Superintendent Portland Public Schools 196 Allen Avenue Portland, ME 04103-3799

Dear Superintendent Whynot-Vickers:

Thank you for your letter dated March 25, 2008 in which you provided an update on the status of the Alternative Plan for Portland Public Schools. You also requested an extension for the submission of your plan to June 13, 2008.

I hope that once the Legislature acts on the legislation related to P.L. 2007, Chapter 240, Part XXXX, you will resume work on your alternative plan. Please submit your Alternative Plan Submittal Sheet, Alternative Plan Cover Sheet (checklist), and revised Alternative Plan by Friday, June 13, 2008.

In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact Ray Poulin or Norm Higgins of our Reorganization Team. They may be reached by phone at 624-6802.

Sincerely,

Susan A. Gendron

Commissioner of Education